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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

DATE: 5/30/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 5/21/68 (serial 1000).

The following instructions have been received from the Bureau:

"You should make appropriate inquiry at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, confining this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The possibility exists that subject was a hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"You should bear in mind that in many instances requests for large withdrawals are brought to the attention of one of the officials of the bank, and this official could possibly provide the initial information desired."

Supervisor KELLY at the Bureau has advised that only the banks in major cities in Louisiana should be contacted in regards to the above.

Agents to whom copies of this memorandum are directed should conduct appropriate investigation at the banks in the major cities in their RA territories in line with the above.

In reporting results of this investigation, please refer to serial 1000.

*The National Bank of Commerce
in Jefferson Parish*

(Submit results in insert form to CALLENDER.)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

5/28/68

Airtel

To: SACs, Dallas (44-2649)
Houston (44-1509)
Memphis (44-1987)
New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

If not already done, Dallas, Houston, Memphis and New Orleans should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the month of April, 1968. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes in this period should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

ReBuairtel 5/28/68.

Referenced airtel instructs:

"If not already done, Dallas, Houston, Memphis and New Orleans should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the month of April, 1968. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes in this period should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

"This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables."

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SA ~~BRANTS~~ will handle requested investigation at The Bank of Louisiana and the Bank of New Orleans and Trust Company.

Dente
SA HASSELL will handle requested investigation at the Hibernia National Bank and the Colonial Bank.

Aly
SA ~~HUGHES~~ will conduct the same investigation at International City Bank and Trust Company.

- 1 - SA ~~BRANTS~~ *Tate*
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SA ~~TALLEY~~ will conduct the same investigation at the National American Bank and the National Bank of Commerce. *in N.O.*

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SA ~~TALLEY~~ will handle requested investigation at the Whitney National Bank.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Re Bureau radiogram 5/22/68 (serial 1004).

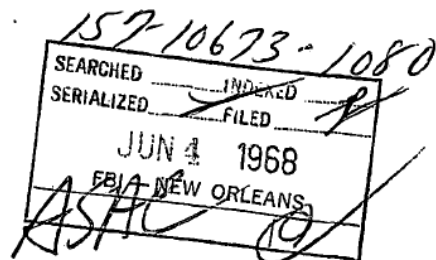
In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced communication, Identification Orders of JAMES EARL RAY have been sent to Salvation Army, Baptist Missions, Volunteers of America and Goodwill Industries and other charitable-type missions, the addresses of which were located in the telephone books for the cities of Alexandria, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA THOMAS L. COLARELLI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/5/68

Re memo SA ENGLEBRIGHT this date.

LEAD: Interview S. ~~GERALD FUEX~~, residing Apartment B, 1508 Mirabeau Street, New Orleans, and determine complete background data including description, employment and accountability of his time in recent months. Also exhibit a photograph of RAY.

Prior to this interview, conduct sufficient background investigation through credit bureau and/or city directory to determine this individual's employment, to insure that he is not in a sensitive position which might cause embarrassment to the Bureau. He should be questioned as to any violent statements he has made to anyone, particularly concerning the KING assassination.

Two Agents are to conduct this interview, bearing in mind that based upon the information available now, this individual could have mental problems, and the interview should be approached by the Agents with due regard to their own safety.

SA GIBBS and SA ENGLEBRIGHT are to handle this lead immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA LARRY E. ENGLEBRIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Approximately 1:00 PM, 6/5/68, Mrs. BEVERLY B. VIAL, age 40, residing R1, Box 262, Hahnville, La., Home Phone 783-2312, Business Phone 729-3454, telephonically advised the following.

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The shooting of Senator KENNEDY has prompted her to reveal transpirations of several conversations she has had in the recent past with S. GERALD FUEX, age 42, residing 1508 Mirabeau Street, New Orleans, La., Apt. B. FUEX, a World War II Air Force veteran and a classmate of hers at L. S. U. during the late 1940's, recently contacted her and has asked her to coffee several times. This is the first time she has seen FUEX since college days. During their conversations FUEX has constantly talked of violence, which upset VIAL; however she passed off these remarks as meaningless, stating that FUEX appeared to her to possibly be a mental case, although she has never heard him mention affiliation with a mental institution.

In their conversations FUEX has referred repeatedly to MARTIN LUTHER KING, stating at least three times that he pulled the trigger that killed KING. Once he mentioned killing Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. When VIAL expressed her horror at the idea he stated that he thought KENNEDY deserved killing. She thinks his exact words, referring to KENNEDY, were, "His mother is going to be very shocked when we (or I) blow his head off". She believes this conversation to have been about two weeks ago.

She has asked two or three classmates from L.S.U. where FUEX has been and what he has been doing in the last twenty years but has been unable to find out anything. Repeated questioning of FUEX has also failed to reveal his past for the last twenty years. When questioned FUEX stated that he was not affiliated with a newspaper, although he attended L.S.U. (and possibly graduated from) in the college of journalism. He also denied being any kind of a government employee including any branch of the Armed Forces. His stock answer to any inquiry about his background is "trying to stay out of Alcatraz". He has, however, mentioned travelling extensively around the United States. He also advised that he had been in New Orleans for the past 14 months.

She described FUEX as age 42, 5-11 or 6-0, thin build, black hair, green eyes, heavy beard but clean shaven, well-mannered, handsome, usually attired in white shirt and tie with either



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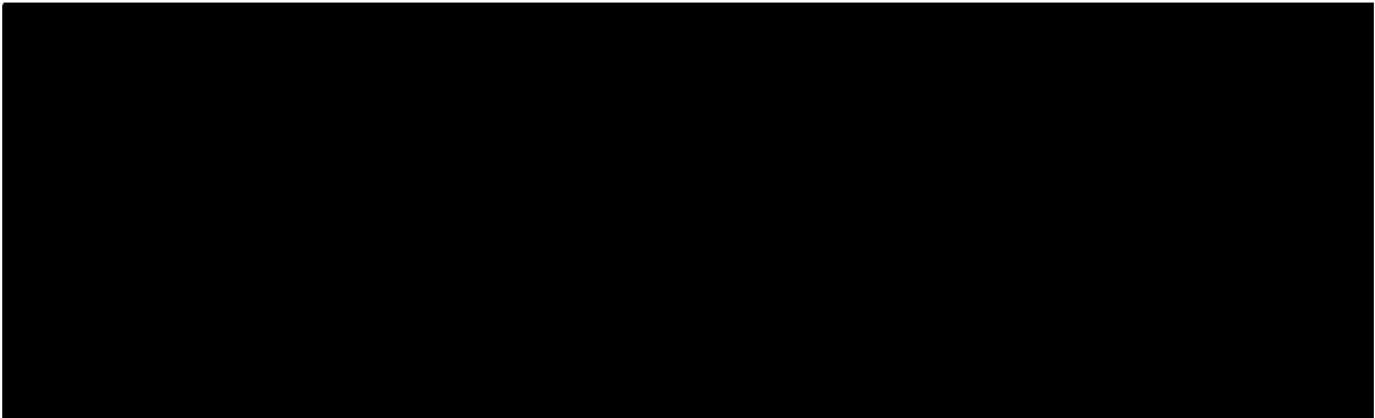
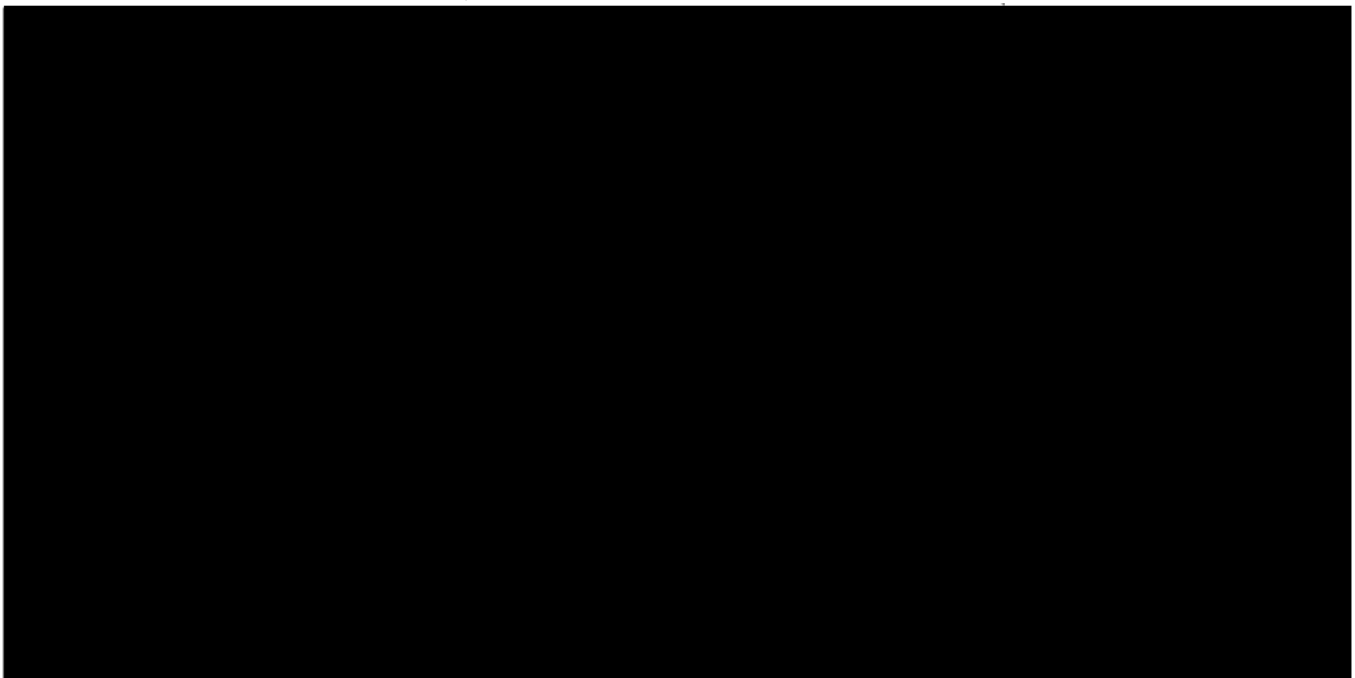
sport attire or business suit. He drives a five or six year old Chevrolet, white or pale yellow in color. When he came to her home to see her he carried a brand new brief case. The first visit the brief case contained only a L.S.U. yearbook. On subsequent visits it contained a manila folder with pictures of his World War II planes and war buddies. He also had pocket novels depicting the fire bombings of Japan, stating that he had flown on these missions. He took great delight in discussing these bombing missions.

Mrs. VIAL advised that she would be glad to discuss FUEX further if the FBI cared to pay her a visit although she doesn't know very much more, inasmuch as she has been unable to find out anything of FUEX's background. She stated that he had been trying to arrange further dates with her but that she had been trying to discourage his attentions.

*On 6/5/68, Mrs. DORAN, NOPD, B of I,
advised files negative on FUEX.
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*On 6/5/68, Mrs. LAURA NELSON, Secret Service,
advised files negative on FUEX.
jk*

United States District Court
FOR THE
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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May 28, 1968

Mr. Robert E. Rightmyer
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
701 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

Murkin
(Murkin)

Re: Location of a Federal Fugitive

Dear Mr. Rightmyer:

Reference is made to your letter of May 14, 1968, relative to telephone company records pertinent to the above-captioned. [REDACTED]

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If you have any questions relative to the above, please advise.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS C. LaCOUR
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Harry F. Connick
HARRY F. CONNICK
Assistant United States Attorney

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Owen Neff

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-2557) DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: NO 1398-C

Dates of Contact		
5/24/68 (attempt) & 5/27/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN		157-10751
DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1968		100-17768
MURKIN		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>The "Poor People's Campaign" in Washington, D. C., was discussed with CI and he stated he had no information indicating anyone from the New Orleans area was going to Washington to participate in the Campaign. CI stated he realized the importance of this matter and would keep alert for any possible information of significance.</p> <p>Possible demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention, August, 1968, were also discussed with CI and he stated he knew of no one that contemplated demonstrating at the Convention. He stated he would remain alert for any information regarding this matter.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VERY GOOD	Coverage FUGITIVE, GAMBLING & GEN. INTELLIGENCE

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CI stated he has a copy of the flier of JAMES EARL RAY and is watchful for anyone resembling RAY. He reiterated that he will immediately advise this office should he develop any information of value in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5-29-68

FROM : SA L. M. SHEARER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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C. J. Anderson

EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, Barnes Lane, Buras, La., advised SA L. M. SHEARER, Jr., on 5-28-68 that he has been working in off-shore drilling for Penrod Drilling Co., and to the best of his recollection he heard of the killing of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING while on a rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

He advised that since the date of the killing, he has had occasion to talk with several individuals whom he considers members of one Klan or another, and there is no indication from these conversations that the killing was a Klan action.

MANSFIELD was shown I.O. 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY, and he said he had observed an individual who somewhat resembled RAY in a tavern at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in the period shortly after 1-17-68. This individual who resembles photograph of RAY appeared to be friend of a dark-haired barmaid, name possibly NELL, who worked in tavern behind Johnny's Place at Broad St., and Greensboro Ave. The Dark-haired barmaid has a sister, a redhead, who works at Pat's bar, 9th Street and 22nd.

MANSFIELD said he could not say that this individual is identical with RAY, however the resemblance is enough that the individual could be RAY.

MANSFIELD requested that his identify not be revealed as the source of the information if it is to be checked out.



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By way of background information concerning MANSFIELD, he advised that he is known to several FBI offices, that he was formerly Grand Dragon of United Klans of America at Houston, Texas, and quit in 1961. He said he is well acquainted with BOBBY SHELTON of the UKA, and that his brother BILLY WAYNE MANSFIELD, was secretary of the UKA subsequent to the death of ALVIN SYKES in S. Carolina.

MANSFIELD said he is also acquainted with L. E. MATTHEWS, reportedly a Klan member at Jackson, Miss., but actual knowledge of his membership is unknown to MANSFIELD.

June 4, 1968

Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

MURKIN

ReLAairtel 5/23/68.

According to referenced communication, the Intelligence Units of the U. S. Treasury Department have been receiving from Federal Reserve Banks a form known as TCR-1 "Report of Currency Transactions; Person or Organization Concerned in Transaction Reported." These forms are completed or filled in by banks, savings and loan associations, and other financial type institutions when a transaction involves a deposit, withdrawal or other payment or transfer effected by, through, or to such financial institution, which involves the U. S. Currency in which \$10,000 or more is handled.

In view of this, every office receiving this communication will explore the feasibility of obtaining the information from Internal Revenue Service Intelligence Units within their division. It is very possible that the information requested by the Bureau regarding withdrawals of \$10,000 or more from banks could be more readily obtained through the Internal Revenue Service.

If any discussion ensues at banks or other financial institutions, you should not mention the completion and filing of these forms under any circumstances. This information is for your intelligence only.

- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (for info)

157-10673-1087

Airtel SAC, Atlanta
RE: MURKIN

This should be handled personally by the SAC,
not ASAC, and should not be designated to someone else in
SAC's absence. If you are unable to obtain the desired
information, advise the Bureau of details.

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6/5/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/23/68; and Buairtel 6/4/68.

Prior to receipt of reBuairtel, the New Orleans Division on 5/31/68 contacted Mr. NAURBON PERRY, Group Supervisor, Intelligence, Internal Revenue Service, New Orleans, exploring the feasibility of obtaining information from TCR-1 Forms.

PERRY stated that his office receives these forms through the Federal Reserve Bank and they come from banks all over the Gulf Coast, including Mobile, Alabama. He stated cooperation with regard to completing a TCR-1 Form is for the most part voluntary on the part of the banks. The regulations regarding the TCR-1's completion are handled by the Comptroller of Currency and he pointed out that most banks do not follow these regulations to the letter.

PERRY stated he was specifically prohibited by Statute from disclosing information from the TCR-1 Form, and that he would not be able to disclose this information without the specific permission of the Commissioner of IRS.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (INFO)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (INFO)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (INFO)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
② - New Orleans

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Later that date, Mr. PERRY advised that he had been in telephonic contact with his national office in Washington, D. C., relative to the disclosure problem surrounding the furnishing of information from the TCR-1 Forms to the FBI. He stated he expected a decision would be reached by 6/3/68.

In view of this, leads to contact all banks in the New Orleans area were held in abeyance pending further word from Mr. PERRY.

On 6/3/68, Mr. PERRY was recontacted and advised that he had heard nothing yet giving him authorization to disclose the desired information.

As of 6/4/68, no word had been received from PERRY therefore, leads concerning contact with individual banks previously assigned will be covered in accordance with instructions in Buairtel dated 5/21/68.

Above for information of the Bureau.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re New Orleans airtel to Mobile 5/31/68 with a lead for Mobile at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Birmingham Office, which received copies of referenced airtel, should handle this investigation as Tuscaloosa is located in the Birmingham territory.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
① - New Orleans (airmail) (Info.)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA LONDON M. HOWARD

SUBJECT: MRUKIN

Re: Telephone calls made from Texas by JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/16/68, the writer contacted the following individuals at the address and telephone numbers indicated:

MRS. ROSIE NOEL, colored female, 2534 Mississippi St., Baton Rouge, La., telephone number 921-2744, stated that on 12/16/67, she received a telephone call from her daughter, LINDA MCKNIGHT, of Beaumont, Texas.

MRS. JOHN SLAUGHTER, 12020 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, La. telephone number 927-2789 advised that that telephone number is also connected to the local office of the Stonbreaker Fireworks Company in Baton Rouge. She said that it is not unusual for calls to be directed to her husband's office from out of state and that very often he takes these calls at their residence. She also stated that her husband was out of town for a few weeks on a business trip and that she would ask him to contact the writer when he returns. On 5/27/68, Mrs. JOHN SLAUGHTER telephonically contacted the writer and advised that he received a call from his sister, E. D. ELLIS, 1209 Judy St., Channel view, Texas on 12/17/67.

On 5/16/68, MRS. P. H. MOAK, 6676 Greenwell st., Baton Rouge, La., telephone number, 357-4430 said that she did not know anyone in Texas and doubts if anyone in her family had received a call from Houston, Texas on 12/18/67. She advised that she would have her husband contact the FBI when he returns from work re this matter.

On 5/20/68, MR. PH. MOAK telephonically called the writer and advised that he has a close friend, RODNEY SLABEN, who drives a truck across country and that during the middle of December, 1967, RODNEY had call him from Texas in reference to his pickup, which MOAK was keeping for him.

MR. STANLEY E. HADDEN, 2162 Shirley Avenue, Baton Rouge, La., telephone number, 927-9991, stated that on about 12/17/67, he had received a call from Luling Texas which was placed by his sister and brother-in-law, LOUISE AND JOHN CAMPBELL, who were on their way from California to Baton Rouge, La. for a visit.

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6/4/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReJNairtel to HO, 4/23/68.

Re: SYLVIA SNOWDEN

On 5/29/68, contact was made with SYLVIA SNOWDEN, 13363 4th Street, Houston, telephone number 453-2874. In interview, Miss SNOWDEN advised that approximately eight weeks ago, she left Houston, Texas with J. R. FREEMAN, a friend, and her sister, GLENDA BAILEY, destination, La Rose, Louisiana. Miss SNOWDEN further stated that after staying in LaRose a couple of days, they drove to Memphis, where she obtained work at the White Stork Lounge. She stated she worked there three days and left because she was mad at a boy friend and departed to Jackson, Mississippi. She said after staying in Jackson, Mississippi, they drove to Meridian, Mississippi for a short period of time and then went to LaRose, Louisiana, again for one month, and then came back home. She stated that she felt the whole trip took about six weeks.

Miss SNOWDEN advised that J.R. FREEMAN stayed in Memphis, and she has not heard from him since. She further stated that JIMMY STUTTS did not make the trip and is living with her at this address. She said he works as a welder in Houston at the Pipefitters Local. Miss SNOWDEN further advised she has no association or hostilities toward MARTIN LUTHER KING and she never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka James Earl Ray before seeing the name in the newspaper. She said JIMMY STUTTS has never been in any police trouble, and he has no association to her knowledge with the KING assassination.

2 - Memphis
1 - Jackson (157-9586) (Info)
1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)
1 - Houston
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Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re New Orleans airtel 5/31/68, setting forth information from EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD.

ROBERT PARKER, Payroll Officer, Penrod Drilling Company, 3333 First National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN on 6/4/68, he can locate no employment record, past or present, for EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD. He stated he maintains employment records of all employees of this company no matter where they are employed. He advised there is a possibility that MANSFIELD may have been employed by a sub-contracting company or a company furnishing some service to Penrod Drilling Company, in which case he would have no record of him.

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2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Jackson (157-9586)
2 - Dallas
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URGENT 6/6/68
TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM: WASHINGTON
MURKIN.

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FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR DONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWO ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U. S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

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FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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Date 6-10-68

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Paul Bridgman
Aliases

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/7/68

Re Bureau radiogram, 6/6/68.

On 6/6/68, SA JOHN WILLIAM MILLER contacted Mr. [redacted], U. S. Customs, New Orleans, and placed a stop against RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

Also on 6/6/68, the writer placed a stop with TROY ADAMS, JR., District Director, INS, against SNEYD. ADAMS stated he would personally make sure that appropriate stops were also placed with the Border Patrol in the State of Louisiana. ADAMS further advised that if he received any information relative to SNEYD, he would immediately contact the New Orleans Division.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SAA ROBERT LOUIS WERTMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 6/4/68.

Past attempts to obtain information from the Whitney National Bank in New Orleans have met with negative results. The policy of this bank is not to make available information from its records without a subpoena duces tecum.

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TO Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM SAC, Atlanta (44-2388)
RE MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 6/4/68.

Mr. AUBREY C. ROSS, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Atlanta, which district covers the State of Georgia, was contacted 6/5/68 in accordance with instructions in resairtel.

He caused a search to be made of the TCR-1 forms and stated no withdrawal transactions of \$10,000 or more were reported during the month of April 1968. Mr. ROSS pointed out that there would not be any more of the TCR-1 forms for the month of April being turned in. He also pointed out that this is a voluntary submission by the institutions, consequently, 100% effective coverage cannot be assured. However, it has been his experience that any questionable type transactions are reported.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re serial 1000.

On June 5, 1968, Mr. A. R. USHER, Executive Vice-President and Cashier, Merchants Trust and Savings Bank, 2102 Airline Highway, advised that in order to make an accurate review of his records for the desired information he would need two or three days.

Mr. USHER asked that this agent return on June 10, 1968, at which time the desired information will be available.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1989)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SA James Francis Wright

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: NO 1226 C

Dates of Contact			
5/4/68; 5/25/68; 6/6/68			
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
1) BILLY J. SANTON	FUDE	42-12585	
2) JAMES H. SAVOY	FUDE	42-13655	
3) MURKIN		157-10673 157-10673	

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

NO 1226 C advised on the above dates that subject's not known to him.

<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage ITAR, AR, I FUGS, GEN INTELL
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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA LONDON M. HOWARD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Bureau radiogram to all field offices, 5/22/68.

In accordance with instructions in referenced radiogram, the following persons were supplied with photographs and descriptions of JAMES EARL RAY.

BILL JUMPER, Manager, Recovery House, 118 S. 19th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LLOYD HOLLY, Clerk, Lodging division, Salvation Army, 1747 Main street, Baton Rouge, La.

Both of these men said that if an individual came to their attention resembling RAY, they would notify the FBI immediately.

On 5/24/68, ALFORD MC GEE, operations manager, Data Processing Unit of the La. Department of Public Safety stated that it would be several weeks before all of the driver's license issued during May and April of 1968, to be put into the computer. He said that as soon as information was available on these licenses, he would contact the writer and make arrangements to program the computers to supply the information which was requested in referenced communication.

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Date June 3, 1968

As the result of investigation previously conducted JUNE TAYLOR on May 24, 1968, voluntarily appeared at the Columbia, South Carolina Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and advised as follows:

She is presently NORMA JUNE SPELLMAN and her maiden name was JEFFCOAT. She has been married five times and is also known by the following names:

NORMA JUNE HUTCHINGS
NORMA JUNE EDWARDS
NORMA JUNE TAYLOR
NORMA JUNE CABERN
NORMA JUNE SPELLMAN

She is presently employed as a waitress at the Starlight Lounge, Assembly Street. In early 1965 she was living at 2930 Chestnut Street, Columbia, South Carolina, with her friend, JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, who was then employed at The Lounge on Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina. She was then employed at the Red Rooster, Columbia, South Carolina. During this period she, TAYLOR, met a white male known to her only as SONNY BILLINGS. BLACKWELL was then dating an individual who reportedly had just been discharged from the Army by the name of BARBER (First Name Unknown). BILLINGS lived at the above address with JUNE TAYLOR for about one or two weeks during which period she dated him four or five times. During this period BILLINGS and BARBER reportedly left Columbia, South Carolina in a red Chevrolet convertible which car belonged to BILLINGS. They reportedly went to New York or somewhere up North to take BARBER home and after several days BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina. BARBER only visited Columbia, South Carolina, on one occasion after this and she saw him at The Lounge in Columbia. SONNY BILLINGS after above mentioned trip, left Columbia, South Carolina, for six or eight months and returned for one weekend

On 5/24/68 at Columbia, South Carolina File # Columbia 44-299
 by SA MULDROW B. MILLS
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON MBM:pe1 Date dictated 5/28/68

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during 1965 which was the last she has seen of him.

JUNE TAYLOR said that during this period she does not recall ever knowing two men by the name of JAMES and EDDIE and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning such individuals. She does not recall ever visiting a VFW Club in Columbia, South Carolina, with BARBER and BILLINGS and she could furnish no information concerning BARBER having sticks of marijuana in his possession. She does not recall ever knowing an individual who owned a 1964 or 1965 Continental and she could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the attempt to purchase a machine gun or a conspiracy to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to her and she was unable to identify this person as anyone known to her.

She advised she and JOHNNIE BLACKWELL have never double-dated with BILLINGS and BARBER.

6/4/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

MURKIN
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Re Columbia airtel to Memphis, 5/22/68, and
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 4/27/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies and
for Tampa and New Orleans one (1) copy each of FD-302
showing interview with JUNE TAYLOR, aka, at Columbia, S. C.,
regarding information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS,
Medical Center for Federal Prisons, Springfield, Missouri,
4/26/68.

It is to be noted that considerable investigation
was conducted prior to locating JUNE TAYLOR who could
furnish no information pertinent to this investigation.

2-Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987) (RM)
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REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25/68 - 5/22/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, Aka -- FUGITIVE; IO 4182 WF 442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -- VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III	TYPED BY sjs
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES:

Bureau airtel to All Offices, dated 5/7/68.

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LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Springfield, Illinois.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					None	ACQUIT- TALS.	CASE HAS BEEN:		
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						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
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- 1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)
- 1 - Jackson (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760)(Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)
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Will continue efforts to locate subject RAY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Information copies sent Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and St. Louis Divisions in view of pending investigation in those Divisions.

No leads are being set forth in this report as they have been and are being set out by more expeditious communications.

For the sake of brevity, the body of this report does not contain the voluminous negative information obtained by the Springfield Division during the period of this report. This information is a matter of record in the Springfield Division and reflects negative information re:

- (1) ERIC STARVO GALT, agency checks; barge lines; dance studios
- (2) Laundry checks
- (3) Agency checks re HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER
- (4) Canvass of unsolved bank robberies in the Springfield Division
- (5) Canvass of law enforcement agencies re unidentified latent fingerprints
- (6) Automobiles stolen from the State of Georgia
- (7) Possible suspects and lookalikes which originated and were resolved wholly within the Springfield Division
- (8) Nonproductive interviews as a result of various telephone and mail coverage

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- (9) Contacts with informants and sources, Springfield Division
- (10) Surveillances of subject's family and associates, Springfield Division

During the course of this investigation, appropriate dissemination has been made by the Springfield Division to all law enforcement agencies and mass media contacts within the Division.

Interviews with SI 1656-C

On March 25, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960 was exhibited by SA ELYON H. DAVIS to SI 1656-C. Informant advised that the photograph was familiar to him and was someone that he thought he had known in St. Louis, Missouri, in either 1959 or 1960. Informant stated that he had never seen RAY to his knowledge in Quincy, Illinois. Informant advised that he is very close to WALTER TERRY RIFE and sees RIFE on a daily basis. He advised that RIFE had been living at the home of his brother, LONNIE RIFE at Baylis, Illinois, however, in February, 1967, WALTER TERRY RIFE had started running the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel, in Quincy, Illinois. Informant advised that he would contact WALTER RIFE and determine if RIFE knew anything concerning RAY's whereabouts. Informant advised that he did not feel that WALTER RIFE would cooperate with the Federal authorities inasmuch as it was RIFE's nature to not cooperate with police. Informant advised that WALTER RIFE had been working on a daily basis at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, and informant knew that in the recent past, RAY has not been in contact with WALTER RIFE.

On April 7, 1968, SI 1656-C was recontacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS concerning JAMES EARL RAY. Informant advised that he had contacted WALTER TERRY RIFE on several occasions since last contacted and that WALTER RIFE had no information as to the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised

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that WALTER TERRY RIFE had told him he had not seen RAY since RIFE left Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in 1957.

On April 19, 1968, SI 1656-C was contacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and SA THOMAS M. SCHOENHOFER and was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, made at Missouri Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960, as well as a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. Informant advised that he has never to his knowledge seen this individual in the Quincy, Illinois area. He advised that he had been contacting WALTER TERRY RIFE almost on a daily basis and that this individual is definitely not with JAMES EARL RAY at the present time. The informant advised that he is certain that WALTER TERRY RIFE was working at his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel during the period from March 29, 1968 through April 4, 1968. Informant advised that he cannot remember exactly where he had ever seen RAY, however, he feels it was in bars located on Olive Street in St. Louis, Missouri, and to the best of his knowledge, it would have been sometime around 1959 or 1960. The informant advised that he is certain that RAY has not been in the Quincy area in the recent past or else the informant would know of it.

Informant advised that he personally is acquainted with all of the Country Music Night Clubs in the Quincy, Illinois general area and visits these places quite frequently and he is certain that RAY has not recently been to any of these night clubs.

Informant was instructed to work full time concerning the development of any information concerning the whereabouts, activities or background concerning RAY.

Interviews with SI 1661-R-Prob:

On May 1, 1968, SI 1661-R-Prob was exhibited the photograph of an unknown male allegedly resembling the subject in this matter taken at a Minutemen Meeting. Informant was unable to identify this individual as being anyone he has come in contact with within the Minutemen Organization.

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Re Prior Threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On May 3, 1968, Mrs. EUGENE WALDON (protect), Route 3, West Frankfort, Illinois, mother of JOHN C. MEDIZER, advised her son is presently residing at 5506 E. R. L. Thronton (possibly Thornton) Freeway, Dallas, Texas.

During the course of this investigation, WILLIAM HICKLE, Service Representative, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, (whose identity should be protected,) has furnished information affording appropriate coverage of all of subject RAY's family and associates in the Springfield Division. All leads derived from this source have been checked and telephone subscribers eliminated as having no connection with this matter.

Records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, should they be needed in the future, can be obtained through the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum directed to Mr. HICKLE.

It should be noted that the investigative period of this report precedes the date of KING's assassination; this fact due to Springfield Division's prior investigative interest in JAMES EARL RAY, SI file 88-5361, Bufile 88-41730, entitled "JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - Fugitive, UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III Office: Springfield
Date: May 24, 1968

Field Office File #: SI 44-561 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY
IO 4182
WF 442-A
TOP TEN FUGITIVE

Character: DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Synopsis: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Springfield files reflect HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER located and interviewed and determined not identical with subject in this case. Birth and other pertinent records located for subject JAMES EARL RAY. Numerous files reviewed re family of JAMES EARL RAY and those within Springfield Division located and interviewed. Prison records checked re RAY. Contact being maintained with all relatives at this time. Information developed and furnished re actual and alleged past associates of RAY. Interviews with possible fellow inmates of RAYs at Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, negative. Information developed and set forth re BENNY K. PINKSTON and JOHN C. MEDIZER, who have made prior threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Investigation conducted to eliminate numerous possible suspects and lookalikes to JAMES EARL RAY. Wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER located and interviewed. Investigation continuing to locate CECIL RAY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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